



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, Community Supervision is an integral component of our state and local criminal justice and juvenile justice systems, and its various professionals assist courts, public officers, and others in making critical decisions, including identifying and avoiding unnecessary incarceration and helping to ensure appropriate placement of the more than 36,000 juvenile and adult offenders; and

Whereas, Probation Officers work in partnership with police, prosecutors, parole, and the courts to enhance community safety in all counties of New York State, supervising nearly 118,000 adult probationers and 15,000 juveniles under the age of 16 years; Probation Officers provide pretrial services including collecting information on arrested individuals, screening and assessing risk, making recommendations to the court for conditions of release and supervising defendants, including those who are released from secure custody during the pretrial phase; and

Whereas, every day, Community Supervision professionals and Probation Officers carry out their duties within their respective communities in order to hold offenders accountable, reduce re-arrest rates, promote victim and community safety, and help offenders change their thinking and behavior, so they can lead law-abiding and productive lives; and

Whereas, Community Supervision professionals work diligently at identifying community-based programming, improving service delivery, advocating for graduated sanctions, successfully reintegrating offenders into society through state and/or local re-entry strategies, facilitating reunification with families, and offering support and assistance to crime victims; and

Whereas, in addition to their supervisory responsibilities, Probation Officers confirm the addresses of nearly 5,000 sex offenders under supervision every quarter; monitor 26,000 convicted drunk drivers, including those required to install ignition interlock devices in their vehicles; and partner with local law enforcement through Operation IMPACT, the state's program to fight and prevent violence and gun crime outside of New York City; and

Whereas, through early intervention, advocacy, timely enforcement, and admonition and advice, these professionals are important role models and forces for positive change within their communities, who make a significant difference in the lives of countless individuals; and

Whereas, Community Supervision professionals are a bedrock of our justice system, and we appreciate their efforts, which help maintain law and order at the state and local levels, and contribute to making New York the safest large state in the nation;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim July 21-27, 2013 as

PRETRIAL, PROBATION, AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this nineteenth day
of July in the year two thousand thirteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor